

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0003] with the following amended paragraph:

[0003] Rear dropout portions are formed at the back end of the frame for installing the rear wheel hub. The base member may be supported on the frame in a cantilevered manner by screwing a bolt into a threaded opening formed below the hub mounting section of one of the frame dropout portions. Accordingly, the base member projects laterally outwardly from the frame. As used herein, the words “lateral” and “laterally” are to be interpreted according to the left and right directions in Fig. 4 (i.e., inward/outward from the side of the bicycle). The chain guide has a pair of vertically aligned pulleys that guide the chain onto one of the plurality of sprockets, wherein the chain guide is pivotably coupled to the moveable member so that the chain guide pivots around an axis that is substantially parallel to the hub axle. The chain guide is biased relative to the movable member in a direction that produces tension on the chain (typically clockwise when viewed laterally outwardly from the derailleur). The link mechanism may comprise a four-point link mechanism having a pair of links that move the movable member in the direction of the hub axle and diametrically outwardly as the chain guide moves closer to the sprockets. The inner cable of a Bowden cable assembly is fastened to the link mechanism such that pulling or releasing the inner cable using a shifter disposed on the handlebar causes the link mechanism to move the movable member and chain guide to engage the chain with a desired sprocket.